



Attention Educators and Service Providers:

The Montana Youth Transition Conference committee would like to invite you to participate in the 1st Annual Montana Youth Transition Conference in Great Falls, MT on September 15-17, 2008 at the Holiday Inn.

You will hear a variety of meaningful information about career planning, post-secondary education, self-advocacy strategies, transition strategies for the IEP, Social Security information, and much more! Continuing education credits are available to teachers and vocational counselors, and UM credit is available upon approval. You are encouraged to share this information with parents, students and other professionals who would benefit from a wide variety of transition related information

For registration information, log on to www.cspd.net. You may contact Nancy Marks at admin@cspd.net or at 406-728-2400 x 1088 with questions about registration.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn. The rooms are reserved under the name MTYouth Transitional Conference and are reserved for the rate of \$74.00 a night.

Holiday Inn Great Falls
400 10th Ave. South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Cost of Registration:

Individual	\$100.00
2-5 Persons	\$375.00
6-10 Persons	\$750.00
11-15 Persons	\$1,125.00
Student	\$25.00
Parent	\$25.00
Paraeducator	\$75.00

SEE YOU THERE!

Monday, September 15, 2008

11:30 AM– 1:00 PM REGISTRATION

1:00– 2:00 PM WELCOME and KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Anna Whiting- Sorrel, MT Governor's Office

2:00– 2:15 PM BREAK

2:15– 3:15 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION ONE: **Planning and Using Transition Assessments in IEP**
Ann Verploegen, OPI

SESSION TWO: **Youth Leadership Training and Opportunities**
June Hermanson facilitating Youth Panel

SESSION THREE: **On the Same Page: Understanding Social Security**
R. Andrew Hudson, SSA

SESSION FOUR **Transition for students with Mental Health Issues**
Presenter TBA

3:15– 3:30 PM BREAK

3:30– 4:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION ONE: **Writing Measurable Post-secondary Goals**
Sara Casey, OPI

SESSION TWO: **Best Practices in Teaching Self-advocacy Skills**
Panel of Self-advocacy Specialists

SESSION THREE: **Housing Options in Montana**
Panel of Housing Program Specialists

SESSION FOUR **Parents Let's Unite for Kids**
Presenter TBA

5:00– 5:30 PM EVENING RECEPTION

5:30– 6:30 PM Same Difference Theatrical Presentation

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7:30– 8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:30– 10:00 AM **KEYNOTE PRESENTER**
 ANDY IMPERATO, CEO
 American Association of People with Disabilities

10:00– 10:15 AM **BREAK**
10:15 AM– 11:15 AM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION ONE: **Writing Transition Services that Connect with IEP**
 Nikki Sandve, OPI

SESSION TWO: **Building Advocacy and Learning Leadership Skills**
 Travis Hoffman and Mike Beers, Summit ILC

SESSION THREE: **Cultural Competency Training**
 Mavis Young Bear, Fort Belknap VR

SESSION FOUR **Transition Website Focus Group**
 June Hermanson

SESSION FIVE **Transition for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students**
 Kathy Jury and Mary Morrison, MSDB

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **LUNCHEON PLENARY**
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1:15– 1:30 PM **BREAK**
1:30– 2:30 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION ONE: **The Transition IEP: Putting Information Together**
 Angie Walker, OPI

SESSION TWO: **Big Sky Pathways: Conversations w/ Your Students**
 T.J. Eyer, OPI

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SESSION THREE: Cultural Competency Training

Mavis Young Bear, Fort Belknap VR

SESSION FOUR: Assistive Technology in the Transition Process (Pt.1)

Kathy Laurin and Leslie Mullette, MonTECH

SESSION FIVE: Raising an Adult: One Family's Story of Planning

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2:30– 2:45 PM

BREAK

2:45– 3:45 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION ONE: On the Same Page: Understanding Social Security

R. Andrew Hudson, SSA

SESSION TWO: Passing the Torch of Leadership to Youth

Martha Carstensen, MSU-B

SESSION THREE: Marketing, Partnerships and Job Development

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SESSION FOUR: Assistive Technology in the Transition Process (Pt.2)

Kathy Laurin and Leslie Mullette, MonTECH

SESSION FIVE: Customized Employment– Part 1

Ellen Condon, Rural Institute on Disabilities

3:45– 4:00 PM

BREAK

4:00– 5:00 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION ONE: Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Barb Schiedermayer, MT Voc. Rehabilitation

SESSION TWO: Customized Employment– Part 2

Ellen Condon, Rural Institute on Disabilities

SESSION THREE: Transition to Postsecondary Education

Kathy Laurin, Ph.D., MonTECH

SESSION FOUR: MT School for the Deaf and Blind Transition Srvs.

Bob Corwin, Chris Gutshenritter and Jim Kelly

SESSION FIVE: Work Solutions for Today's Job Opportunities

Michelle Pickell and Susanne Meikle

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7:30– 8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30– 9:45 AM **KEYNOTE PRESENTER**

ROBERT JAHNER

9:45– 10:00 AM **BREAK**

10:00AM– 11:30 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

SESSION ONE: **MT Telecommunications Access Program**

Sorenson Representative

SESSION TWO: **Transition Website Focus Group**

June Hermanson

SESSION THREE: **Montana Independent Living Services**

Mike Hermanson

SESSION FOUR: **Transition to Postsecondary Education**

Kathy Laurin, Ph.D., MonTECH

SESSION FIVE: **Disability Navigator Program and other Workforce Services**

Presenter TBA

11:30– Noon **WRAP– UP**

Receipt of Conference Certificate, Continuing Ed. Credits, etc.

A wide variety of vendors and organizations will also have display tables and representatives available to answer questions!